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SUBJECT: UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN KRAKOW PROGRAM

1. PROFESSOR ISAACSON OF THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN
TELEPHONED THE DEPARTMENT AUGUST 12 TO EXPRESS CONCERN
ABOUT A THREE-MONTH STUDY PROGRAM FOR A GROUP OF HER
STUDENTS AT THE JAGIELLONIAN UNIVERSITY (UJ) BEGINNING
SEPTEMBER 1. THE CONTACT THERE IS DR. RYSIAK. SIMILAR
GROUPS LED BY DR. MCCAIG HAVE STUDIED THERE THE PAST TWO
YEARS, AND THE PROGRAM IS KNOWN TO CONSUL BECKSKEHAZY WHO
HAS BEEN QUITE HELPFUL TO THE GROUPS, ACCORDING TO
ISAACSON. THIS YEAR THE GROUP, LED BY A DR. GIBSON,
WILL LEAVE THE U.S. AUGUST 18 FOR YUGOSLAVIA AND THEN
POLAND.

2. ALTHOUGH THEY HAVE JUST GOTTEN POLISH VISAS AFTER
CONSIDERABLE DELAY, ISAACSON IS CONCERNED ABOUT A RANGE-
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MENTS FOR THE GROUP. HER CONCERN STEMS PARTLY FROM
RECENT NEWS OF THE DEATH OF UJ REKTOR KARAS, WHO HAD
REPORTEDLY COME UNDER FIRE FOR HIS STRONG ADVOCACY OF
THE PROGRAM. MRS. ISAACSON SUSPECTS INTERNAL UNIVERSITY
SQUABBLING AS MUCH AS ANY LARGER POLITICAL FACTORS.

3. ISAACSON SAYS THE CHICAGO CONSULATE PROBED DEEPLY

THE GROUP'S ARRANGEMENTS AND RAISED QUESTIONS ABOUT ITS LACK OF A CONTRACT WITH UJ (THEY HAVE ONLY A TELEGRAM ACCEPTING THE PROGRAM FOR THIS YEAR.) ISAACSON ESPECIALLY FEARS AN ATTEMPT TO EXACT EXHORBITANT PRICES THIS YEAR. SHE SAYS THE COST FOR THE PAST TWO YEARS HAS BEEN DOLLARS 2200 FOR INSTRUCTION, 105 MONTHLY FOR ROOM, AND A NOMINAL AMOUNT FOR BOARD.

4. ISAACSON SAYS THE GROUP PLANS TO GO AHEAD, BUT SHE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY ASSURANCES THE CONSULATE COULD PROVIDE ABOUT ARRANGEMENTS. SHE SUGGESTED THAT CONSUL BECSKEHAZY MIGHT BE ABLE TO CONTACT DR. RYSIAK ABOUT THIS.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: THE DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION THE CONSULATE COULD OBTAIN SO THAT WE MIGHT CLARIFY THE SITUATION FOR ISAACSON BEFORE THE GROUP DEPARTS. CHRISTOPHER

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